agencies/departments, as it involves inter-governmental and inter-ministerial coordination.

Soyabean Production

†1532. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Madhya Pradesh is the largest producer of soyabean in the country; if so, the percentage of the production of Madhya Pradesh out of the total production;

(b) whether Government are going to open a soyabean research center in Vidisha or some other soyabean producer district of Madhya Pradesh in view of the increasing importance of soyabean and its heavy production in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; whether it will be considered in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. Madhya Pradesh is the largest producer of soyabean contributing about 64% to the total production of soyabean in the country.

(b) and (c) The National Research Centre on Soyabean (NRCS) under I.C.A.R. is located at Indore in Madhya Pradesh. Besides this, a coordinating unit of All India Coordinated Research Project on Soyabean is also located at National Research Centre on Soyabean, Indore. The other Research Centres under the All India Coordinated Research Project located in Madhya Pradesh are Jawahar Lal Nehru Krishi Vishva Vidyalaya, Sehore and Jawahar Lal Nehru Krishi Vishva Vidyalaya, Jabalpur. During the Ninth Plan, another center at Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishva Vidyalaya, Raipur has also been approved for Soyabean research in Madhya Pradesh.

Cotton Development Programme

1533. MISS. SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Intensive Cotton Development programme is being implemented in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the areas which have been covered under the programme;

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